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Letter dated 6 January 2017 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Kazakhstan to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

Permit me to express my Government's highest appreciation to Sweden for its outstanding leadership of the Security Council and its tireless efforts to ensure a world free of conflicts. This commitment to peace has been exemplified in the choice of the theme of the high-level open debate, namely, "Conflict prevention and sustaining peace", that will be held under your stewardship on 10 January 2017. We thank our Swedish colleagues for this most relevant initiative and are pleased to inform that the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Kazakhstan, Kairat Abdrakhmanov, will participate in the open debate.

I also have the honour to submit to the Security Council a text of the policy address by the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan, Nursultan Nazarbayev, entitled "Kazakhstan's concept and vision for sustaining global partnerships for a secure, just and prosperous world" (see annex). The policy address portrays a momentous stand on achieving a conflict-free world. It also outlines the political priorities of Kazakhstan as a non-permanent member of the Security Council for the period 2017-2018.

I should be grateful if you would kindly circulate the present letter and its annex as a document of the Security Council.

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**Annex to the letter dated 6 January 2017 from the Chargé
d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Kazakhstan to the
United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council**

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**Policy address to the Security Council by the President of the
Republic of Kazakhstan, Nursultan Nazarbayev, entitled
"Kazakhstan's concept and vision for sustaining global
partnerships for a secure, just and prosperous world" on the
occasion of the start of Kazakhstan's non-permanent membership
of the Security Council for 2017-2018**

The Republic of Kazakhstan began its duties as a non-permanent member of the United Nations Security Council on 1 January 2017, for the next two years.

Kazakhstan is grateful to all States Members of the United Nations that supported its candidature. We consider our election to the Security Council as a great responsibility and evidence of the international community's trust in our commitment to peace. We also view it as recognition of our efforts to strengthen the role of the United Nations in maintaining global peace and security.

We welcome the new Secretary-General of the United Nations, António Guterres, who commenced his tenure on 1 January 2017. Kazakhstan fully shares and supports his vision, priorities and noble efforts, which are fully in accordance with the ideals and principles that Kazakhstan will champion on the Council.

2 March 2017 marks the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Republic of Kazakhstan's membership of the United Nations.

Over the last quarter of a century, our country has demonstrated its total steadfastness to the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations and to the norms and principles of international law.

Kazakhstan will work in a balanced and unbiased manner regarding all agenda items addressed by the Council, keeping in mind the paramount importance of maintaining and strengthening peace and security. We intend to work on an equal basis with all Security Council members to promote compromise and consensus in order to help achieve these goals.

We will make every effort to restore and develop cooperation among all States Members of the United Nations, with a particular focus on strengthening trust among the permanent members of the Council.

Our country will strive for meaningful cooperation with the Security Council and its subsidiary bodies, as well as with the United Nations Secretariat and the relevant departments, to achieve the Council's agenda.

We will seek to strengthen the understanding of Security Council members on the importance of creating a renewed model of international relations that accurately reflects the realities of the twenty-first century and shapes a collective responsibility for meeting global and regional challenges.

Based on such guiding principles, Kazakhstan will work over the next two years on the following priorities.

First, having closed down the Semipalatinsk nuclear test site and been the first country to give up its nuclear arsenal twenty-five years ago, Kazakhstan's prime goal is to help ensure humankind's survival through a world free of nuclear weapons.

We will continue consolidating global efforts to free the planet from nuclear arms by strengthening and expanding the non-proliferation regime, and through strict compliance with Security Council Resolution 1540 (2004).

While welcoming the agreements reached on Iran's nuclear programme and encouraging their implementation, Kazakhstan also believes they provide a model for use in similar situations and crises. We stand ready to actively cooperate with the Council's Facilitator on Security Council Resolution 2231 (2015).

In this context, Kazakhstan sees as important the need to find an urgent and constructive solution to the issue of nuclear weapons on the Korean Peninsula and proposes an immediate resumption of multilateral talks on the matter.

Kazakhstan calls on all Member States, especially the Security Council's permanent members, to set a goal of ridding the world of nuclear weapons by the one hundredth anniversary of the United Nations in 2045.

Second, Kazakhstan's efforts in the Security Council will be aimed at creating conditions to eliminate the threat of a global war by preventing and ending military confrontations at the regional and global levels.

We are convinced that peace and the renunciation of war as a means of settling inter-State problems are essential to the survival of humankind. In this context, Kazakhstan intends to promote the implementation of my Manifesto, "The World. The 21st Century", which sets out how we can provide the conditions to end conflicts and violence.

Kazakhstan calls for further improvements in the United Nations peacekeeping system and intends to make its own contribution by increasing the number of its military observers and peacekeepers deployed to United Nations missions.

During our time on the Council, we will work towards the peaceful settlement of the Palestinian-Israeli confrontation and conflicts in the Middle East, Afghanistan and the Commonwealth of Independent States. We also intend to strive for the de-escalation of tensions on the Korean Peninsula and crisis resolution in Africa and Asia.

Third, Kazakhstan is the first Central Asian State elected to the United Nations Security Council.

We intend to use our membership to promote the interests of all countries of our region to ensure its stability and security, to effectively respond to regional challenges and threats, to strengthen cooperation and promote its growth and development.

We are convinced that a model for a regional zone of peace, security, cooperation and development can be generated and tested in Central Asia, based on respect and balancing the interests of all stakeholders.

During our presidency of the Council, we intend to initiate broad, balanced, meaningful and result-oriented discussions on the situation in Afghanistan and how to promote peace, security and development in Central Asia. We will also strive for the adoption of a special outcome document from those deliberations.

We want to see, as speedily as possible, Afghanistan's return to peace and stability, and believe that broad assistance must be given to help the country in its economic and social development, in its efforts to counter threats to its security, and to strengthen capacity-building. We are ready to work tirelessly as Chair of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1988 (2011) Committee concerning Afghanistan and the Taliban.

Fourth, international terrorism and violent extremism are today some of the main and acute challenges to global peace and security. Crises in many regions of the world are caused primarily by the activities of international terrorist groups. It is only with the combined efforts of all States, international and regional organizations and other key stakeholders that we can put an end to this scourge. To achieve this requires, above all, that the dialogue between political and religious leaders be intensified to help counter violent extremism and radicalism.

Kazakhstan will chair the Security Council Committee pursuant to resolutions 1267 (1999), 1989 (2011) and 2253 (2015) concerning ISIL (Da'esh) and Al-Qaida and associated individuals, group and undertaking and entities, to help achieve these goals.

In this context, we plan to invite States Members of the United Nations and the Security Council to develop the Astana Code of Conduct for International Anti-Terrorist Operations. We believe this can serve as the basis for the formation of a global counter-terrorism coalition (network) under the auspices of the United Nations, which I proposed in my statement at the seventieth session of the United Nations General Assembly.

Fifth, sustainable global peace will not be possible without comprehensive peace and security in Africa.

As an Observer State of the African Union and Chair of the Security Council Committee pursuant to resolutions 751 (1992) and 1907 (2009) concerning Somalia and Eritrea, Kazakhstan will contribute to international efforts for national reconciliation and restoration of peace in the region of the Horn of Africa, and also across the continent as a whole.

Sixth, we are convinced that long-term stability and sustainable peace can only be achieved by understanding the strong connection between peace, security and development. This security-development nexus should be based on global action to prevent wars and conflicts, protect human rights, deliver the Sustainable Development Goals and combat climate change, including through the implementation of commitments by all States parties to the Paris Agreement on Climate Change.

Kazakhstan is determined to continue contributing to sustainable development. The practical steps we are taking include hosting EXPO-2017 on the theme "Energy of the Future" in Astana this summer. Our aim is to help promote sustainable energy and minimize the consequences of climate change, which are both important components of preventive diplomacy.

Seventh, over the next two years, Kazakhstan will support efforts to improve and adapt the Security Council and the entire United Nations system to be better equipped to overcome contemporary challenges and threats to humankind, and to increase the leadership role of the United Nations in global affairs.

The United Nations, and the other global structures of the post-war period, must meet the needs of the twenty-first century.

Kazakhstan will work to enhance cooperation among all collective security regional organizations of Europe, the Americas, Asia and Africa.

To consolidate efforts and provide the collective political will to enhance global and regional security and stability, and to strengthen trust among States, we propose to convene every year, or every two years, a Security Council meeting at the level of Heads of State and Government.

The objectives and tasks set out in this policy address outline the political priorities and practical components for Kazakhstan's non-permanent membership of the Security Council in 2017-2018.

Kazakhstan is determined to work in the Council with all Members States on these priorities, without political expediency, and in an open, objective, balanced, responsible and constructive way.

Kazakhstan counts on the support of partners for its initiatives, which have the important goal of making the world in the twenty-first century a secure, just and prosperous one.

Astana, 1 January 2017